

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The invention concerns an ink fountain with a blade support  $[(19)]$  wherein said blade support comprises several adjacent sections  $[(2)]$  moveable by setting means  $[(13)]$  to vary the distance between said sections  $[(2)]$  and the circumference of an ink fountain cylinder. The ink fountain further comprises a blade  $[(11)]$  interposed between said sections and the circumference of the ink fountain cylinder and having a ridge for maintaining a specific thickness of ink on the ink fountain cylinder, the blade  $[(11)]$  resting directly on said sections  $[(2)]$  and being fixed relative to said blade support.